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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM ACTING DIRECTOR
GENERAL GLUBRECHT DATED OCTOBER 17 RELATING TO ANNUAL
US GIFT OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS VALUED AT UP TO
\$50,000 FOR US IN PROJECTS APPROVED BY AGENCY TO ASSIST
AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY
OR FOR MEDICAL THERAPY.

2. LETTER CITES ANNOUNCEMENT OF US GIFT FOR 1974
(GC(XVIII)/OR.169, PARA 16, REPORTED REF B), EXPRESSES
APPRECIATION, AND LISTS DILIGIBLE REQUESTS RECEIVED BY
AGENCY FOR MATERIAL OFFERED IN 1974 AS FOLLOWS:

- A. CHILE (INFCIRC/137, APRT I), 5591 GRAMS TOTAL
URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 80 PERCENT.
- B. INDONESIA (GOV/1672), 11,591 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM
ENRICHED APPROX 19.5 PERCENT.
- C. PAKISTAN (GOV/1682 AND FIVE-YEAR SUPPLY AGREEMENT
OF JUNE 14, 1974) FOR URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 93 PERCENT,

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EXACT QUANTITY NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

D. ROMANIA (INFCIRC/206, PART I), 46,470 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 20 PERCENT, AND 34,350 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 93 PERCENT, AS FUEL FOR TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR (PURCHASED LAST YEAR FROM US) AT THE ROMANIAN INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, NEAR PITESTI, ROMANIA.

E. THAILAND (GOV/1671), 4,800 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 86.9 PERCENT CONTAINED IN FUEL ELEMENTS IN TRR-1 RESEARCH REACTOR OPERATED BY THAILAND OFFICE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACE IN BANGKOK. MATERIAL IS CURRENTLY IN THAILAND UNDER LEASE FROM USAEC.

F. VENEZUELA (GOV/1670), 23,663 GRAMS TOTAL URANIUM ENRICHED APPROX 19.9 PERCENT.

3. FYI: YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GIFT LAST YEAR, HAS NOT RPT NOT INDICATED TO AGENCY ANY INTEREST IN REQUESTING GIFT MATERIAL THIS YEAR. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, PHILIPPINES HAS WITHDRAWN ITS EARLIER REQUEST TO BENEFIT FROM GIFT IN 1974 AND WISHES TO DEFER IT UNTIL 1975. END FYI

4. COPY OF AGENCY LETTER POUCHED AMMONS, AEC. DEPT/AEC WILL NOTE THAT AGENCY LETTER THIS YEAR DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THOSE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, IN THAT AGENCY HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE FAIRLY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS OF GIFT AMONG VARIOUS REQUESTING STATES WHILE THIS YEAR IT MERELY REPORTS QUANTITY AND ENRICHMENT OF MATERIAL REQUESTED. THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO US INTENTION TO GIVE PREFERENCE IN ALLOCATION OF GIFT TO REQUESTS MADE BY STATES PARTY TO NPT ANNOUNCED AT JUNE BOARD MEETING; AGENCY AND MISSION HAD INFORMALLY AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF STRONG AND VOCAL OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL PROMINENT NON-PARTIES TO NPT (E.O., FRANCE, INDIA) TO ANY PREFERENCE BY AGENCY IN ANY OF ITS OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES ON BASIS OF WHETHER OR NOT A MEMBER STATE IS PARTY TO NPT OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL TREATY, IT WOULD BE LEAST POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING FOR AGENCY TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING EXPLICIT WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO TAKE USG INTENT TO GIVE PREFERENCE INTO ACCOUNT.

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5. ACCORDINGLY, AGENCY HAS SIMPLY PLACED ALL STATES MAKING REQUESTS FOR US GIFT MATERIAL ON NOTICE OF US STATEMENT THROUGH CITATION OF BOARD RECORD WHEREIN IT IS REFLECTED, IN LETTER OF RESPONSE TO FORMAL REQUEST FOR GIFT (OR IN SEPARATE FOLLOW-UP LETTER IN FEW CASES WHERE INITIAL RESPONSE OMITTED SUCH STATEMENT), AND INTENDS NOW AND IN FUTURE YEARS TO PRESENT US WITH LIST OF ALL REQUESTS PRESENTED TO IT. THEREAFTER, IF NECESSARY,

AGENCY CAN TAKE PUBLIC POSITION THAT US MAY MAKE ALLOCATIONS FROM THIS LIST ON ANY BASIS IT LIKES. FYI: INFORMALLY, AGENCY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH IT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE MADE IN WRITING. END FYI.

6. REGARDING REQUESTS LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE, MISSION NOTES THAT FOUR OUT OF SIX (CHILE, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN AND VENEZUELA) ARE NOT RPT NOT PARTIES TO NPT. MISSION ACCORDINGLY ASSUMES THAT US STATEMENT TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO NPT PARTIES RULES THEM OUT OF CONSIDERATION SO LONG AS THERE ARE REQUESTS FROM NPT PARTIES WHICH EXCEED AMOUNT OF GIFT.

7. WHICH THERE ARE: THAI AND ROMANIAN REQUESTS EACH SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED \$50,000 VALUE OF GIFT. NEITHER MISSION NOR, INFORMALLY, AGENCY (PEDERSEN) PERCEIVES ANY REASON TO FAVOR ONE REQUEST OVER OTHER. PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF ROMANIA, DEPT/AEC WILL RECALL THAT AT TIME THEIR PURCHASE OF TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR, ROMANIA INDICATED INTEREST IN BENEFITTING FROM GIFT. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMENDATION OF MISSION (WITH WHICH AGENCY--PEDERSEN--INFORMALLY CONCURS) IS THAT GIFT FOR THIS YEAR BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TWO NPT PARTIES REQUESTING TO BENEFIT FROM IT, I.E., PORTION OF MATERIAL REQUESTED BY THAILAND AND ROMANIA VALUED AT \$25,000 BE ALLOCATED TO EACH OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. ADVISE. PORTER

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